

# The Stitchin' Times

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Well, this has been a busy month for your Board and a number of committee chairs. A lot goes on in the month of September—election of officers, membership renewals, quilt show functions—just to name a few. On top of that, many of our members are anxious to start living their lives again and miss the monthly meetings. With that said, we are still not allowed to have large group meetings until the governor clears them. So-o-o-o-o-o-o-o-o!

### We have decided to have a MINI DRIVE-UP MEETING on Sept. 10th!!!!

This is our regular meeting date. It will, of course, be held at the First Christian Church. Here is the format we will have for the meeting. Doors will open at 8:30am for committee chairs to set up their tables. All members and guests are invited to come any time between 9am and noon. At this meeting you will be able to:

1. *Renew your membership and pick up your 2021 raffle tickets.*
2. ***It is very important that you come by and vote on the slate of officers presented by the nominations committee or make a nomination if you would like.***
3. *The 2021 Quilt show chairmen will be there for you to pick up challenge blocks and quilt show pins.*
4. *Cuddle quilts will have a table for you to come by and pick up or deliver. We really need to get started on these needed charity quilts.*

**THE HIVE IS BACK!!!!** Class time is 11am in the Worship Center, so if you want to attend the Hive, please come around 10:30, visit all the committees, and then attend the Hive. You must pre-register for the Hive as we are limited as to the number we can have per COVID regulations.

Please contact Susan Webber at [swebberttu@hotmail.com](mailto:swebberttu@hotmail.com) to pre-register.

**Workshops are back!!!** Nancy Gibson will present our first workshop, "Stack and Whack, My Way." The workshop will be on Friday beginning at 9am in the Worship Center. Once again registration is limited, so contact Nancy Glass at [nsg1461@gmail.com](mailto:nsg1461@gmail.com) to pre-register for this workshop. If there are seats available you can still sign up at the Mini Meeting.

Members will be present to help with traffic flow and make sure that social distancing is maintained. Masks will be required. We realize that we are all dealing with a new normal, but hopefully this will give us an opportunity to get out and, at least from a social distance, see some of our friends and talk quilting!!!

## 2021 Raffle Quilt

The 2021 raffle quilt is entitled “Rose Wreath”—it is a machine appliqued design adapted from a Rose Kretsinger quilt that she copied from a remnant of a quilt from the Chicago fire! The design of the top was my choice and my pleasure to make. Then Jackie Ruffing finished and enhanced it with beautifully done quilting in thoughtful, appropriate motifs. In short, I believe it is another Guild raffle quilt to be proud of.

If these were ordinary times we would soon be taking nominations of other non-profits to benefit from the proceeds of this raffle quilt. But these are not ordinary times.

The necessary cancellation of our 2020 show has financially impacted our guild in significant ways. First, there is the loss of funds spent to prepare for the 2020 show, monies which are not recoverable—printing costs, publicity costs, etc. Then, more significantly, there is the loss of income from the 2020 show, yearly income which the Guild has always depended upon to fund our programming, fulfill our purpose, and supplement our dues.

This is a new landscape for our organization. The times make it necessary to think of new revenue sources for the Guild.

**On June 10 the Board unanimously voted to recommend to the membership that the proceeds of the 2021 raffle quilt benefit THE QUILTERS GUILD OF EAST TEXAS.**

Let me anticipate and answer some of your questions about this proposed change:

Will this cause us to lose our federal 501 (c) (3) non-profit status? No, it will not. To maintain this status, an organization must stay true to the principles of being “educational and charitable.” Our programs, our workshops, our hive, indeed our quilt show itself serve educational purposes. In the charitable area we can point to countless hours and materials donated to Cuddle Quilts, Quilts of Valor, and many other worthy purposes. Benefiting from the raffle quilt in no way impacts our organization’s non-profit status.

Is it lawful for us to benefit from a raffle in the State of Texas? Yes, it is perfectly lawful as long as our proceeds are not more than \$50,000 (I wish!) and the money supports the educational purpose of the organization. Again, we have programs, workshops, etc. We have a very clear legal opinion that benefiting from the raffle quilt ourselves is permissible by state law.

It’s hard to change our minds about “the way we’ve always done it.” However, giving away the proceeds from a raffle quilt is NOT how we’ve always done it. In the first years of the Guild, selling tickets on a yearly raffle quilt was one way that we got our own Guild on solid financial footing. It was only later on that we began giving the proceeds to other non-profits. To my knowledge, all the other guilds in the state that make raffle quilts have always used them as a fundraiser for their own organizations.

When we have our next meeting, you as the membership will be asked to approve returning this raffle income to our own Guild. I think this change is timely, necessary, and wise. Please join your Board in supporting this change.

*Marilyn Hardy*



**Hear Ye, Hear Ye: A Grand Announcement!**  
 We may not be able to hold Guild Meetings just yet, but your Board continues to function on behalf of the membership. In February our President, Susan Merrill, began setting up the Nominating Committee for the 2020-2021 slate of officers. Serving in the Guild in this capacity are Karen Walters, Susan Nelson, Becky Chambers, Sheryl Moore, and Cyndy Adrian.  
 The current elected Board members were polled. Only one office needed to be filled: Second Vice President (Programs). That office has been filled.  
 Your Nominating Committee offers you this slate:  
 President: Susan Merrill  
 First Vice President: Susan Webber  
 Second Vice President: Maggie Maguire  
 Secretary: Pat Graham  
 Treasurer: Cecilia Brannon  
 Susan Nelson

### **QGET PROGRAMS AND WORKSHOPS**

QGET is proud to be able to provide Tyler quilters with programs and workshops taught by many nationally renowned quilters. Our speakers are authors, quilt pattern designers, fabric dyers and nationally recognized instructors. Many have produced award winning quilts at some of the most prestigious quilt shows in the United States.

Programs are offered the second Thursday of each month following the QGET business meeting at First Christian Church, Tyler. There is no charge to attend a program. The business meeting begins at 10am and the Program generally starts around 11. Programs last 1-1.5 hours.

Workshops vary in length from 1/2 day to a full day. They are held on the second Friday of the month. Workshops are generally \$40 for members who sign up early and \$45 for members who sign up at the meeting the day before the workshop. Cost may vary with the length of the workshop. Workshops begin at 9am. Participants are encouraged to arrive by 8:30 to set up machines and supplies if necessary. Workshops are in the conference room at First Christian Church, Tyler. This room is located in the building behind the main sanctuary building. It is next to the scout room by the doors that lead out into the parking lot between the two buildings. Please note that these doors lock automatically and you may have to go around to the main entrance to this building to get in. When we have full day workshops, you are responsible for your lunch. You may bring a lunch or order from one of the restaurants close by.

Participate in our digital "Show and Tell." With all this free time, I'm sure everyone is finishing up those stored away projects and cleaning out your stash. Send me pictures of what you have been doing and we will post them on our website on the "Next Program" page. Make your .jpg file small and send to our Guild email address: [ggetxtyler@yahoo.com](mailto:ggetxtyler@yahoo.com). Let's do some bragging!

*Jackie Ruffing*  
 Social Media Chairman

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If you have a website you would like to share, let us know and we will add it to our Resource page.



## Cuddle Quilt News

I am still receiving Cuddle Quilts at Sharman's on Broadway. When you drop off just let them know it is for the Quilt Guild. Put your name and hours on the quilt or top and then let me know you dropped it off. Quilts I have received recently will be going to the Salvation Army to be given to children at Christmas.

I have been given several tops to be quilted.

*Karen Walters*

## A New "Bee"!!!

The new group is called the "Modern Bee". They are a group of ladies that meet twice a month at TASCA in Whitehouse and sew all day! This group will bring their sewing machines and their own projects to work on. If you want to just bring needle work that is okay too. Bring your lunch or make a run to Subway or McDonald's. This group is open to all Guild members.

For more details about meeting dates and time, contact

Mendy Brittan at 903 283-3837 or mendybrittan@yahoo.com.

## Newsletter Information

Deadline for **October** Newsletter:

**September 20, 2020**

### Ad Rates

1/8 page	\$5 per month (Guild Member)
	\$10 per month (non-Guild Member)
1/4 page	\$25 per month
1/2 page	\$50 per month

**ADS WILL NOT BE PUBLISHED UNTIL PAYMENT HAS BEEN REMITTED!**

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**SUE BUGG**

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*Jackie Ruffing*

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<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Quilters-Guild-of-East-Texas/362839393822544>

What's your favorite site related to quilting that you would like to share with us? We'll post it on our website. We make frequent updates to our website and Facebook page. Check us out and share!



Jackie Ruffing  
Chairman

# September 2020 - QGETX Guild Library - Library Corner

## ===== TUTORIALS =====

Even if you don't own a KINDLE reading device PLEASE read on – you may decide you need one. If you do own one, this article may make you dust it off and consider it in a new way. We love being able to buy or rent books from the library to read on our KINDLE device. It is small but larger than a smartphone so that makes reading a book easier. But did you know, you can find apps – like on your phone – on the KINDLE?

**Quilting Tutorial by MSQC** (Missouri Star Quilt Company) uses this cute little logo for their app on the KINDLE. The reviews of this app on the Amazon website are very positive. You may have seen Jenny Doan (The Missouri Star Quilt Company's "secret sauce") doing quilting tutorials on many places on the Internet. These are the same tutorials but using a KINDLE app – and it is FREE!

Even if you want to watch just for the entertainment value and there is certainly that with this app – Jenny Doan loves to laugh and does not take herself too seriously (no Quilt Police here). Recently, her daughter Natalie and daughter-in-law Misty have joined Jenny in some of the tutorials and in others the younger set have been on their own. They demonstrate quilts made with blocks you will have heard of and some are probably new. They review products and show how to use them in the tutorials, also.

A feature that is useful to the KINDLE app is if you want to use your KINDLE silently, you can either use your ear buds for sound OR there is a CLOSED CAPTION option on this Missouri Star Quilt Company app. Another feature that is very helpful is there is a transcript of the tutorial below it so if you missed something or want to find it later, rather than going through the video, you can look for it in the written transcript.

How is this different from watching one of their tutorials on the Internet? It is the exact same content but it is so easy to scroll down through ONLY tutorials with the subject of each highlighted. These tutorials are, also, ad-free (unlike some Internet sites): you only see the good stuff.

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**A GRATEFUL THANK YOU** to Sharon Moses who donated the **extra books** she couldn't fit into her new – and downsized – sewing room for The Quilters Guild of East Texas library.

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(KINDLE is a product of Amazon and can be seen and purchased on their website AMAZON.COM. There are many different versions from the basic to those with HD capability to let you watch videos and TV apps so you will need to spend some time reviewing them, if you want to purchase one. Unfortunately, QGETX does not get any revenue from this recommendation.)

===== ENJOY =====

**Open:** Before Guild Meetings from 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

**Library Location:** Christian Life Center (east of main First Christian Church building) Room 4

All books **Free** to The Quilters Guild of East Texas members with **No Fines** charged  
**Request books desired on Guild Meeting Days:** Send an email with book title or subject

Lynne Tringleth [ltringleth@sbqglobal.net](mailto:ltringleth@sbqglobal.net)



## Quilt Show 2021

Plans for 2021 Quilt Show are moving along. The quilt show entry forms are updated and on the website. Also, they will be available at the guild meetings. A big thank you to Melanie and Dennis Dossey for their help on the design of our postcards. The postcards and raffle tickets have been ordered and received. Another thank you to Sandy McClenny for designing the show and volunteer pins which are being ordered and will be available at our meetings. Thank you to Rhonda Chapman who has started taking the raffle quilt and tickets to the quilt shops. If you want the pictures and forms you submitted for the 2020 show, they will be available at meetings when we are able to meet as a group. As always, it's good to review the following timeline to keep us on track:

Happy Quilting to you!

*Ann, Claire, Margaret, & Mary Ann*

## QUILTERS GUILD OF EAST TEXAS MEMBERSHIP FOR 2020-2021

As we go through a very trying time, we are hopeful that we will be able to resume our monthly Guild meetings again soon. However, to keep our wonderful Guild running smoothly we must keep things on schedule. As you all know, membership dues are to be paid beginning in August. Dues are \$35 for the period from October 1, 2020 – September 30, 2021 and include 12 raffle tickets for the donation quilt.

Dues can be submitted via mail to the address listed on the membership form that can be found on the Guilds website [www.qgetx.org](http://www.qgetx.org) find the Membership button, which will take you to Membership Form October 2020 – September 2021 button.

We hope to see all of you soon.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact:

*Marylou Douglas*

Membership Chairman.

## Meet Sandy Gard....2021 QGET Quilt Show Judge!

Sandy Gard is a member of the National Association of Quilt Judges and received her certification in 2019. She is a self-taught seamstress and quilter. She started sewing doll clothes at age 6, and two years later had her first experience with hand quilting. Her lifelong love affair with quilting began at her grandmother's farmhouse in Texas as all the neighbors gathered and sat around the quilt, visiting as they quilted.



Sandy has a home-based sewing business and is a long-arm quilter. In 2014, Sandy entered the NQA Judging program and spent several years working with certified judges and judging quilt shows. Sandy believes that quilting is a time-honored tradition. She loves the history and the future of quilting as she promotes the tradition to new quilters of any age. We look forward to welcoming Sandy to our 2021 Quilt Show...Ruby Red Celebration...40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

Entry forms for the 2021 Quilt Show are on the QGET website [www.qgetx.org](http://www.qgetx.org). For the picture with the entry form, your quilt top only has to be finished. Please attach a **4"x 6" picture** of your quilt to the form. Guild members may enter five quilts without a fee. All members who have their entries in by the January guild meeting will have a chance to win a prize. You may turn your entries in now.

Happy Quilting!

### **\*\*Note Your Acceptance\*\***

The slate of officers for 2020 -2021 Is available for acceptance! You may cast a written ballot, mailed to the guild (P.O. Box 130773, Tyler, TX 75713-0073) or note at the Mini-Drive Through Meeting Thursday, Sept. 10 at FCC, look for the "Slate" table!

Officers for 2020-2021:

President Susan Merrill

First VP Susan Webber

Second VP Maggie Maguire

Secretary Pat Graham

Treasurer Cecilia Brannon/Susan Nelson



Presentation of Donation Check

### **The Fostering Collective**

Justin Hayes

[thefosteringcollective.org](http://thefosteringcollective.org)

The Fostering Collective is a faith-based community bringing hope to children in foster care by providing support, resources, and encouragement to foster and adoptive families.

The staff of The Fostering Collective works to guide families who are interested in fostering and those who are fostering children. Most important they are helping children work through the system. Their goal is to see the foster children placed in a forever family.



## Presentation of Donation Check

### Rahab's Retreat and Ranch

Teresa Richenberger

[www.rahabsretreatandranch.com](http://www.rahabsretreatandranch.com)

This faith based organization helps transform the lives of women coming out of the sex industry, victims of human trafficking and those who are broken and abused. Rahab's provides a safe stable environment for the women and their children.



# Hive News September



I want to tell you about the equipment and tools that will make your quilting life easier.

## Equipment

- Sewing machine – should be in good, working condition; clean, with a new needle; a variety of feet (  $\frac{1}{4}$ " , single stitch, applique or darning foot, walking foot, guides for sewing a larger distance than with the foot); sewing machine manual (to know how to adjust the pressure foot tension when using the walking foot); bobbins.
- Sewing surface – a cabinet or table that fits you (not too high or too low); able to sit high enough to see into the hole of the machine (use door stoppers or shims to get the back of the machine to tilt forward); room to sit directly in front of the needle; 3-4 feet of workspace to the left and 4-5 feet behind the machine; the needle no more than 6" from the edge of the cabinet or work surface.
- Chair – hydraulic lift system; a seat with forward tilt adjustment; adjustable back; 5 casters; comfortable for sitting up to 8 hours at a time.
- Lighting – no glare; bulbs with adequate wattage; a pleasant & comfortable room with no shadows; florescent fixtures; add more light as you age.
- Iron – a comfortable weight (Do you really want to add muscle only to one arm?); decide if you need steam or no steam and a spray water bottle; I prefer an iron that does not go to sleep after no movement (OK, I am impatient and don't like to wait until it wakes up); long lasting; good value for the cost (I am using my 3<sup>rd</sup> iron; so I don't spend a great amount because the life expectancy is short.); Best Press will stiffen fabric and make it fray less.
- Ironing board – at a comfortable height depending on if you sit or stand to use the iron; a flat surface; stable; a solid cover with no stitching.
- Cutting table – again the height depends on if you cut sitting or standing; large enough to keep your largest self-healing cutting mat flat with room all around for fabric; legs that are set inside the edge of the table so that you will not trip on them; storage space beneath the table. (Cutting mat can be soaked in warm water to rejuvenate the self-healing properties and should never be placed in the sun.)



## Tools

- Machine needles – should be the type recommended for your machine; should be compatible with the thread; types include universal, stretch, jeans, topstitch, embroidery, quilting (some come in titanium, gold, and chrome which is supposed to increase the usage time); sizes include 60/8, 65/9, 70/10, 75/11, 80/12, 90/14, 100/16 ( The 60/8 would be for nylon thread or very delicate fabric, and the 100/16 would be for jeans); install a new needle after 8-10 hours of sewing.
- Scissors/shears – scissors meet in the center with an "X" configuration and should be used to cut paper; shears have one handle bent that glides parallel to the cutting surface with the two finger holes a different size and should be used only for fabric; keep sharp and ready to use; dropping can often damage the cutting blade.
- Rotary blade – keep extra blades available and change the blade as soon as a clean cut is not possible; dull blades cause fibers to collect on the cutting mat interfering with self-healing; keep blade closed when not making a cut; use a cutting glove; keep fingers and fingernails away from the ruler edge; ergonomic cutters help to ease hand strain.
- Clippers – or embroidery scissors clip threads.
- Rulers/Tape measures – a variety is helpful; 2" X 12" with 1/8" grid is helpful when adding seam allowances to patterns or fabric seams; 6" X 24" heavy plastic ruler is used for rotary cutting with 30°, 45° and 60° lines helpful; 60" tape measure for measuring yardage.
- Thread – should be auditioned; to test use a satin stitch; examples include 50/3 cotton thread with 80/12 or 75/11 needle, 50/2 or 60/2 cotton thread with 70/10, 65/9 or 60/8 needle, nylon monofilament and silk thread with 75/11 or smaller needle; the smaller the thread the smaller the needle; use good quality thread that your machine likes (if thread keeps breaking and shredding, there is either a problem with the thread or the needle); "fuzzy" thread causes lint to accumulate faster and can cause sewing problems.
- Awl – wooden stick to push fabric to needle (saving fingers) or control fabric.
- Pins & pincushion – long, thin, sharp pins; rustproof; small glass (not plastic that melt when ironed) heads are helpful; small stuffed pincushion or magnetic pin catcher is handy.
- Markers – stencils for quilting; pencils (thin mechanical leads are best); eraser (Magic white); water soluble pens (do not iron; test on specific fabric; may reappear in cold environment); white pencil (on dark fabrics and will brush off easily) chalk; powder.
- Press cloth – gauze to protect delicate or napped fabric when pressing.
- Parchment – to protect iron and ironing board from iron-on adhesive.
- Hand sewing needles – spiral-eye or Clover self-threading to bury thread between top and backing when quilting; sized from 1-12 and 13-26 with the higher the number, the finer and shorter the needle; Sharps are for general hand sewing; Betweens are for quilting.

Thanks to Marianne Fons, Liz Porter, and Harriet Hargrove for information and hints.

The Shooting Star Table Runner is ready and waiting. Please refer to previous newsletters for the fabric yardage. Plans are at this time to have Hive by registration only and limited to 10 people. This will probably happen before the Guild meeting will take place. But as always, the plans can change. We will see.

The Hive is open to any member. New members are especially encouraged to join in the training and fellowship. We meet about 30 minutes after the conclusion of the Guild meeting.

I am REALLY looking forward to seeing you. Stay safe. Stay healthy.

*Susan Webber, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Hive*

# Shadowing

Those of you who are members of AQS have probably received your September issue of *American Quilter* in which there is an excellent article by Karen Kay Buckley called, “Just Say No to the Shadow.” Karen addresses what shadowing is and how to avoid shadowing in applique.

Briefly, for those who do not have access to her article, Buckley explains that shadowing is a problem in turned-edge applique when the turned seam allowance shows through the piece of applique. Shadowing can be a problem in very light fabrics (think white, beige, light pink, light yellow) or any medium to light fabric applied to a dark background. Her remedy is to use fusible interfacing cut just a hair smaller than the finished shape of the applique. She warns that lightweight fusible interfacing may not do the job. Think medium weight fusible interfacing. Using an up and down movement of the iron, fuse the interfacing to the back side of the applique element. Size of fusible does not include seam allowance. She also warns against using an additional layer of fabric as a liner to camouflage the shadowing. Very likely the fabric will not be caught in the stitching of the applique and could shift with wear and washing.

Let me add to Buckley’s excellent instruction of shadowing in applique. We can have shadowing in our piecing also. The general rule is “iron to the dark,” but sometimes the seams demand otherwise. If you must iron to the light, check to see that the dark fabric in that seam allowance is not a bit wider than the light. Maybe the two fabrics were not perfectly situated on top of each other when you put them under the presser foot. The solution is simple: carefully trim the seam so that the dark fabric is the same width (or slightly smaller) as the light in the seam allowance.

But wait! There’s more! Another kind of shadowing can happen when cut or uncut sewing threads or raveled fabrics show through the light parts of a quilt. Take care to clean up the back side of your quilt top before you make a quilt sandwich.

Happy quilting,  
*Marilyn Hardy*

# ADS

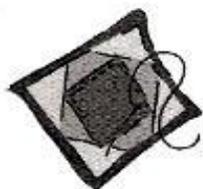


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### Location for Quilters' Guild of East Texas

1st Christian Church of Tyler  
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 Quilters' Guild of East Texas.  
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